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## **Annual Leaf Collection Complete**

Harrisonburg, VA – As of Friday December 12th, the city's annual curbside leaf collection will be complete.

Starting Monday December 15th, leaves should be placed in a biodegradable bag or 35 gallon container with no liner for your regularly assigned Wednesday yard debris collection. There will be no limit on contained leaves that are set out for Wednesday pick up thru December 31, 2014. LEAVES NOT PROPERLY PLACED FOR PICK UP WILL BE SUBJECT TO A VIOLATION FEE.

The annual curbside leaf collection ran November 3 – December 12.

The collection of leaves is important because storm drains are designed to empty directly into creeks and rivers and receive no treatment. Fallen leaves that are blown or washed into city streets can plug storm drains, flooding the roads and properties. When too many decomposing leaves enter the storm drains and creeks, unnaturally high levels of nutrients, like phosphorus, create an imbalance in our creeks and rivers that can harm wildlife.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928.

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